## Council for Labor & Economic Growth

## Resolution

## **Support for the No Worker Left Behind Program**

**Whereas,** the Council for Labor & Economic Growth is charged under Executive Order 2004-36 to advise the Governor and the Department of Labor & Economic Growth regarding polices in workforce development, adult education, career and technical education, community colleges, and the workforce elements of economic development; and

Whereas, in exercising its duties under Executive Order 2004-36, the Council shall provide other information, advice, or assistance as requested by the Governor; and

**Whereas,** the Council has been charged to challenge the status quo on how best to develop and invest effectively in Michigan's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce; and

**Whereas,** as Michigan's economy transforms to meet changing global demands, thousands of affected workers must be provided the opportunities they need to acquire new skills to transition to the jobs of the new economy; and

Whereas, Governor Granholm's No Worker Left Behind program will accelerate the transition of thousands of workers into good-paying jobs by providing free community college tuition for them to gain training and skills in high-demand occupations, emerging industries, or entrepreneurship; and

Whereas, Governor Granholms' No Worker Left Behind plan will help more than 100,000 displaced workers by providing up to two years of free tuition at any Michigan community college or other approved training programs and allow displaced workers to receive needed training in high demand skills while receiving unemployment benefits; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved,** that the Council for Labor & Economic Growth, given its charge, supports the No Worker Left Behind program.

Marjorie A. Sorge, Chair

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